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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN & OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

PLAINFIELD, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

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L. S. *To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, at Plainfield Plain, in said town, on the SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH NEXT, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

1st. To CHOOSE A MODERATOR to preside in said meeting.

2d. To CHOOSE A TOWN CLERK, THREE SELECTMEN, and all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To BRING IN YOUR VOTES for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councilor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and County Commissioner.

4th. To CHOOSE A REPRESENTATIVE to represent said town in the General Court, to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

5th. To see WHAT SUM OF MONEY the town will vote to raise, to PAY BONDS, INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES, and to DEFRAY TOWN EXPENSES for the year ensuing.

6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

7th. To see WHAT PER CENT. THE TOWN WILL ALLOW ON TAXES paid before July first, and what before September first.

8th. To see if the town will vote to DISPENSE WITH THE LIQUOR AGENT for the year ensuing.

9th. To see if the town will ABOLISH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THEREIN, agreeably to "an act enabling towns to abolish school districts, in certain cases," passed June Session, 1870.

10th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the REPORTS of town officers.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-first day of February, in the year Eighteen Hundred and seventy-four.

DANIEL G. STICKNEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Plainfield.</i>
JOSIAH DAVIS,	
ALFRED P. JENNEY,	

REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR

Ending March 1, 1874.

Selectmen's Report.

Resident valuation	\$524,352 71
Non-resident "	35,872 00
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Total.....	\$560,224 71
Reduced valuation	\$2,801 12
Tax on one dollar, \$.0223	
State tax.....	\$2,574 00
County tax.....	1,837 73
School tax	1,501 50
Town tax	6,000 00
Percentage	579 66
Dog tax	94 00
School-house tax, Dist. No. 11	20 00
Non-resident highway tax	91 79
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Tax on Collector's book	\$12,698 68
Collector was directed to pay—	
State Treasurer	\$2,574 00
County "	1,837 73
Town "	8,286 95
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	\$12,698 68

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

NOTES OUTSTANDING, MARCH 1, 1874.

Lewis Cogswell	\$349 00
Judith Eastman	333 53
Henry E. Bean	270 07
Elias French	246 61
John Gilkey	465 39
Benj. Lewin	134 62
Abraham Spencer	1,714 98
Junias Spencer, for W. F. Cole	59 79
Thomas Reynolds	1,475 26
J. D. Johnson, money in trust from Dec. 8, 1866, at 5 per cent.	995 89
Horace D. Heath	1,071 66
“ “ “	165 89
March Chase	49 10
Thomas Eastman	807 74
“ “	111 46
“ “	218 42
George Bryant	541 90
Jacob Read	209 80
Jesse Davis	157 28
Apphiah Davis	104 85
Joseph D. Smith	897 77
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	\$10,381 01
Amount of Bonds outstanding	\$37,700 00
Interest on same	377 00

AMOUNT DUE THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1	\$22 56
“ 2	35 00
“ 4	60 19
“ 5	2 10
“ 8	72 20
“ 10	62 59
“ 12	2 35
“ 14	8 63
“ 16	14 52
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	\$280 14

Due Stephen D. Stone, Collector	\$50 00
Orra C. Pierce, "	45 00
Daniel G. Stickney. 1st Selectman...	138 75
Josiah Davis, 2d Selectman.....	82 25
Alfred P. Jenney, 3d Selectman.....	82 00
Stephen D. Stone, Treasnrer.....	50 00
Willis K. Daniels, S. S. Committee ..	36 10
On Orders No. 117, 154, 155, not pre- sented	18 10
Daniel G. Stickney, on Pauper Acc't	49 84
	<hr/> \$552 04
Total amount of Liabilities	\$49,290 19

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due on Mehitable Eaton note	\$ 318 69
Due from C. W. Manchester, auction bill	38 54
" Ethan Walker, " "	7 00
" George M. Smith, " "	24 75
" Elias Farnum on Wyman Stone note	105 82
" School Dist. No. 3	70
" " " 6.....	2 00
" Samuel Davis, Collector in 1871....	20 60
" Wm. H. Pierce, " "	37 50
" S. D. Stone, " 1872....	21 20
Land rent due from George French	11 16
" " Stephen Goodwin	9 75
" " John T. Duncan	5 10
" " Phillip Snow	1 50
" " Lawson Newton	19 13
" " Rufus G. Newton	4 00
" " D. S. Wheeler.....	13 33
" " Alvin Rand	38
" " James Gilkey.....	16 00
Due from Ezekiel Stone for lumber	3 15
" County, for support of paupers.....	32 85
" State, on bounty claims.....	225 60
Due on State bonds, and interest on same	12,221 00
Due from D. G. Stickney (same rec'd of town of Hanover) for support of Martin E. Merrill,	9 00
Due from S. D. Stone, Collector for 1873.....	410 16
" Orra C. Pierce, " " "	511 00
Total	<hr/> \$14,089 53

Total am't of Liabilities brought forward,	\$49,290	19
“ “ Assets “ “	14,089	53

Balance against the town,	\$35,200	66
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DANIEL G. STICKNEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Plainfield.</i>
JOSIAH DAVIS,	
ALFRED P. JENNEY,	

Pauper Report.

A. P. JENNEY,

To Town of Plainfield, **Dr.**

To money drawn by orders for support of paupers, \$306 73

Cr.

By cash paid for support of County Paupers.

Support of Mercer Jordan\$62 50

“ Lydia Sweet 67 50

—————\$130 00

TOWN PAUPERS.

By support of Polly Chamberlin.....\$18 00

“ Caleb Sweet 65 86

“ Cutts Boy 21 63

“ Darwin Jordan..... 4 50

“ Wyman Stone 4 04

“ Eliza Jordan..... 2 70

Medical attendance rendered paupers by

Dr. C. C. Beckly 60 00

—————\$176 73

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\$306 73

DANIEL G. STICKNEY,

To town of Plainfield **Dr.**

To money drawn by orders for support of paupers, \$923 87

Cr.

By support of Dillis Strong.....\$74 01

“ Mercer Jordan 13 57

“ Benjamin Stone 10 75

“ Ira Kimball 27 16

“ Jacob Holt 29 00

"	Hannah Holt.....	5 02
"	Dennis Alexander	19 50
"	Lydia Sweet.....	17 50
"	Elizabeth Harrington.....	46 61
"	Betsey Packard	84 10
"	Elizabeth Wilmot	81 00
"	Alvin J. Chapman	8 00
"	Jarvis Chapman.....	6 62
"	Ezekiel Stone.....	2 00
"	Transient Paupers	2 50

\$427 34

In the above amount is included \$88.02 for
medical services rendered.

TOWN PAUPERS.

By Support of	Wyman Stone	\$67 98
"	Lorenzo Dunklee	160 03
"	Asenith Bell.....	86 15
"	Polly Chamberlin.....	92 40
"	Tilton Cutts' Children ...	92 25
"	Mehitable Eaton.....	13 91
"	James Spaulding	2 65
"	Jonathan Barber	1 00
"	Martin E. Merrill	9 00
Medical services rendered	Willis Beers..	9 00
By support of sundry paupers		7 00
By Clerical services rendered		5 00

\$546 37

Balance due D. G. Stickney..... \$49 84

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

To Stephen D. Stone,

DR.

Paid orders of the Selectmen as follows.

No. 1.	Stephen D. Stone, services as Collector and Treasurer for the year 1872,	\$ 130 00
" 2.	Nathaniel M. True, for breaking roads,	7 00
" 3.	Alfred P. Jenney, Services as Selectman for the year 1872,	95 00
" 4.	Daniel G. Stickney, services as Selectman for the year 1872,	151 75

" 5. Fred Moulton, services as Auditor, paid express, examining proof and self and team at Claremont,	8 00
" 6. Alfred P. Jenney, Support of Paupers,	50 00
" 7. Daniel G. Stickney, " "	100 00
" 8. Josiah Davis, services as Selectman for the year 1872,	97 50
" 9. Charles Cross, breaking roads,	38 00
" 10. Wm. C. True, services as Auditor,	4 00
" 11. Daniel G. Stickney, for printing town reports,	42 51
" 12. Alfred P. Jenney, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 13. Willis K. Daniels, services as Superintending School Committee,	40 80
" 14. Moses Fifield, breaking roads in the years 1872 and 1873,	20 00
" 15. Josiah Davis, for Books,	12 40
" 16. Elias French, endorsement on Note,	200 00
" 17. Daniel G. Stickney, support of Paupers,	55 98
" 18. Ethan Walker, breaking roads,	2 00
" 19. Calvin Fifield, " "	11 20
" 20. Ephraim Whitaker, error in taxes 1872,	2 00
" 21. Frank Stickney, breaking roads,	8 11
" 22. H. P. Calef, " "	6 00
" 23. Albert C. Daniels, endorsements on note,	150 00
" 24. Simeon Hastings, labor on highway 1871,	3,44
" 25. Benj. F. Ward, support of school in Dis. No. 4,	62 75
" 26. Harvey D. Plummer, breaking roads,	10 00
" 27. J. J. Jordan, support of school in District No. 5,	20 00
" 28. Aquilla Spalding, lumber on highway,	3 15
" 29. Eleanor G. Chase, endorsement on note,	200 00
" 30. Nathan Andrews, breaking roads 1872 and 1873.	4 00
" 31. Harry Morgan, breaking roads 1872 and 1873,	14 00
" 32. Charles H. Morgan, labor and lumber on highway,	12 76
" 33. James L. Stickney, breaking roads,	2 00
" 34. Jonathan Leavett, " " 1872 and 1873,	30 00

" 35. John P. Chellis, services and expenses in the Darwin Jordan Case, May 18, 1871,	2 50
" 36. Alvah B. Chellis, lumber and labor on high- way,	5 00
" 37. Henry A Bugbee, over tax on land,	8 92
" 38. Albert C. Daniels, Note taken up,	160 03
" 39. Stephen D. Stone, paid interest on note at Windsor Savings Bank,	134 92
" 40. Russell B. French, support of school in District No. 7,	40 00
" 41. Joseph Bean, support of school in District No. 16,	31 00
" 42. Ethan Walker, support of school in District No. 10,	30 00
" 43. Daniel G. Stickney, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 44. Charles H. Strong, endorsement on note,	125 00
" 45. Sumner T. Pierce, support of school Dis. No. 2,	50 00
" 46. Sidney Sanborn, support of school, Dis. No. 8,	60 65
" 47. George C. Freeman, support of school Dis. No. 1,	52 00
" 48. Elias S. Moore, support of school Dis. No. 12,	26 00
" 49. Jarvis J. Jordan, " " 5,	29 00
" 50. Harvey D. Plummer, " " 6,	35 00
" 51. John Daniels, " " 3,	50 00
" 52. Russel B. French, labor and lumber on highway,	28 50
" 53. Nathan Barrows, support of school in Dis. No. 9,	72 00
" 54. Joseph Bean, support of school in Dis. No. 16,	7 50
" 55. Stephen D. Stone, payment of County Tax,	1,837 73
" 56. Burnham & Flint, bridge plank,	20 25
" 57. Daniel G. Stickney, support of Paupers,	300 00
" 58. Alfred P. Jenney, " "	50 00
" 59. Moses Fifield, labor and lumber on high- way,	14 25
" 60. Daniel G. Stickney, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 61. Norman C. Williams, labor on bridge near Enos Spalding's,	10 00

" 62. Francis W. Smith, error in taxes,	5 07
" 63. Stephen Hersey, school purposes, District No. 15,	7 95
" 64. Nathan Barrows, support of school in Dis. No. 9,	36 25
" 65. Fred Moulton, stone, labor and lumber on highway,	10 70
" 66. Moses Fifield, building stone bridges and labor on highway,	41 15
" 67. Chas. C. Beckley, recording births and deaths,	5 25
" 68. H. Gilson and Geo. T. Avery. plank for highway,	38 95
" 69. Norman C. Williams, labor on highway,	1 00
" 70. Daniel G. Stickney, support of paupers,	100 00
" 71. Stephen D. Stone, payment of State tax,	2,574 00
" 72. Joseph Bean, sup't of school in Dis. No. 16,	41 00
" 73. Ethan Walker, " " " " 10,	45 00
" 74. Orville T. Eaton " " " " 14,	46 00
" 75. Harvey D. Plummer, " " " " 6,	22 00
" 76. Stephen Hersey, " " " " 15,	60 00
" 77. A. P. Howe, " " " " 13,	39 05
" 78. George C. Freeman, " " " " 1,	40 00
" 79. William C. True, repair of school house in District No. 11,	20 00
" 80. Charles H. Strong, principal and interest on note,	251 87
" 81. Josiah Davis, building bridge near Stephen R. Moulton's,	129 00
" 82. Charles H. Morse, error in taxes,	9 90
" 83. Samuel Davis, timber for bridge near Morse's Mill,	17 37
" 84. Benjamin R. Catlin, over tax,	11 15
" 85. Norman C. Williams, lumber on highway,	4 60
" 86. Edward J. Westgate, " "	7 30
" 87. Alfred P. Jenney, support of paupers,	50 00
" 88. C. S. Worthen, breaking roads from Janu- ary to March, 1873,	4 79
" 89. Abraham Spencer, interest on note,	101 88
" 90. Lemuel Morse, plank and stone on highway,	10 78
" 91. John Daniels, support of school in District No. 3,	61 30

" 92. Earl Westgate, damage on land and moving fence, near Walter C. Howard's,	40 00
" 93. Philip Snow, abatement on taxes,	2 23
" 94. John Lovering, principal and int. on note,	103 65
" 95. Fred Moulton, over tax,	11 15
" 96. Wm. A. Tolbert, labor on highway,	7 50
" 97. Ezekiel Stone, support of watering trough,	3 00
" 98. George Bryant, endorsement on note,	2 00
" 99. Stephen D. Stone, principal and interest of Merrit F. Penniman,	479 90
" 100. Stephen D. Stone, at Windsor, 1 day to pay int. on note at Windsor Savings Bank; express getting int. on State bonds and delivering State and County tax,	12 24
" 101. Silas S. Booth, principal and int. on note,	626 00
" 102. Daniel G. Stickney, support of paupers,	100 00
" 103. Alfred P. Jenney, " "	50 00
" 104. Reuben C. True, damage to wagon,	2 50
" 105. Russell B. French, support of school in District No. 7,	64 51
" 106. Chauncey Bean, labor on bridge near Cyrus Smith's,	11 50
" 107. John M. Cole, 590 feet of plank for highway,	8 26
" 108. Henry Fuller, plank and lumber for highway,	9 00
" 109. William F. Ladiew, pass over land,	5 00
" 110. Nathan Barrows, surveying road near Walter C. Howard's, and others.	3 50
" 111. Marlin D. Rowell, note taken up,	831 91
" 112. James L. Stickney, labor on mountain road,	4 00
" 113. Russell B. French, lumber and labor on bridge,	12 87
" 114. Daniel G. Stickney, support paupers,	147 89
" 115. Constance W. Manchester, error in taxes,	10 00
" 116. John Poole, lumber on highway,	89
" 117. Not presented.	
" 118. Charles H. Strong, support of watering trough,	3 00
" 119. Alfred P. Jenney, lumber on highway	1 85

" 120. Josiah Davis, to take up a note holden by the Windsor Savings Bank, against the town of Plainfield,	2,400 00
" 121. Elias S. Moore, support of school in District No. 12,	42 00
" 122. Jarvis J. Jordan, support of school in Dis. No. 5,	65 00
" 123. Jonathan Phillips, driving hearse and repairing harness,	39 00
" 124. Jarvis J. Jordan, labor and lumber on highway,	28 69
" 125. Alvah B. Chellis, breaking roads,	2 00
" 126. Sumner T. Pierce, support of school in Dis. No. 2,	65 00
" 127. Charles H. Hill, services as Town Clerk for the year ending March 1, 1874,	53 00
" 128. Erastus Lewin, pass over land,	3 00
" 129. Aquilla R. Spalding, labor on highway,	5 00
" 130. Alfred P. Jenney, support of Paupers,	56 73
" 131. Isaac W. Westgate, labor on highway and damage done to wagon,	10 00
" 132. Charles H. Newell, labor on highway, and repairing plough,	3 00
" 133. Charles Newell, over tax,	4 46
" 134. Henry Currier, damage done wagon,	8 00
" 135. Daniel G. Stickney, postage stamps, stationery and ink,	5 59
" 136. Josiah Davis, entertainment of Selectmen and Auditors,	40 00
" 137. Ethan Walker, opening road,	3 00
" 138. Benjamin F. Ward, support of school, Dis. No. 4,	115 86
" 139. Jabez Porter, pass over land and breaking roads,	8 00
" 140. William C. True, support of school, Dis. No. 11,	99 09
" 141. Reuben T. Cross, lumber and labor on highway,	36 55
" 142. Sidney Sanborn, support of school in Dis. No. 8,	81 50
" 143. Nathan Barrows, support of school Dis. No. 9,	223 32

" 144. Ralston H. Penniman, driving hearse,	2 00
" 145. Andrew J. Chellis, principal and interest on Note,	179 08
" 146. Francis S. French, breaking roads,	3 00
" 147. Willard Heywood, support of watering trough,	1 50
" 148. Hubert Sleeper, for return of births and deaths,	4 00
" 149. Daniel Freeman, support watering trough,	1 50
" 150. Josiah Davis, clearing away old bridge near S. R. Moulton's, cleaning Town Hall, money paid for lumber on road, postage and express,	15 95
" 151. O. C. Pierce, support watering trough,	3 00
" 152. Daniel G. Stickney, support of Paupers,	20 00
" 153. Eri Goin, use of room,	3 00
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Total amount of orders,	\$ 15,101 08
Paid Bonds drawn July 1, 1873,	2,000 00
Paid on Coupons,	2,262 00
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	19,363 08

RECEIPTS.

By balance in Town Treasury on last settlement,	\$ 893 53
By cash received of William H. Pierce, Collec- tor, 1871,	34 00
Daniel G. Stickney for casks,	3 00
Daniel G. Stickney, on bridge case,	156 27
Daniel G. Stickney, for trespass on Hearse house by James W. Jordan,	12 00
Of Daniel G. Stickney, due on pauper account of Danniel G. Stickney, and Alfred P. Jenney " "	126 98
Received of Daniel G. Stickney, amount of an order given to W. H. Eaton, erro- neously put to the credit of Daniel G. Stickney,	28 90
Received of Daniel G. Stickney, for errors in pau- per accounts,	49 07
Received of Selectmen,	200 00

Stephen D. Stone. Collector, 1872, as interest on taxes,	10 55
Stephen D. Stone, for non-resident highway taxes,	12 11
Stephen D. Stone, Collector, 1872,	258 16
Selectmen,	100 00
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	351 00
On State bonds and coupons,	363 00
Of Selectmen,	250 00
Selectmen for support of Tilton Cutts' children,	88 53
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	50 00
Orra C. Pierce, "	565 00
Stephen D. Stone, Collector, 1872,	14 48
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	200 00
Orra C. Pierce, "	110 00
Willam H. Pierce, Collector, 1871,	3 00
Daniel G. Stickney, Selectmen for support of County paupers,	300 00
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	225 00
Orra C. Pierce, "	1,550 00
Orra C. Pierce, "	105 56
Orra C. Pierce, "	575 00
Selectmen, Railroad tax,	44 01
Savings Bank tax,	452 77
Selectmen, Literary Fund,	136 53
For Town bonds sold,	3,500 00
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	600 00
Alvin Rand, land rent,	38
On State bonds coupons,	363 00
Daniel G. Stickney, Selectmen, for support of County paupers,	147 89
David S. Wheeler, land rent,	13 33
Demick Baker, land rent,	6 90
Andrew J. Chellis, land rent,	26 66
John A. Brocklebank, land rent,	2 50
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	851 50
Stephen D. Stone, Collector,	6,142 44
Orra C. Pierce, Collector,	272 59
George W. Austin, land rent,	5 00
Selectmen for wagon pole and old lumber, sold Joel F. Raynsford,	19 50
Selectmen, same received of Ethan Walker, on account,	3 00

Nathaniel M. True, land rent,	26 98
Josiah Davis, Selectman, which was overdrawn on an order drawn to pay note held by the Windsor Savings Bank,	101 06
Daniel G. Stickney, Selectman, same had of S. D. Stone, administrator of T. Cutts's estate,	48 77
Daniel G. Stickney, support County paupers,	80 17

Total amount received,	\$19,480 12
Total amount orders paid, bonds and coupons,	\$19,363 08

Balance in Treasury,	\$117 04
STEPHEN D. STONE, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

DOG REPORT.

Received of Collector, 1873,	\$ 61 00
Due on Collector's books,	33 00
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	\$ 94 00

S. D. STONE, *Treasurer.*

Amount of orders given by Selectmen for damages done
to sheep by dogs.

No. 1. Harvey S. Reed,	\$ 4 00
" 2. Fred B. Hanchett,	7 00
" 3. John French,	10 00
" 4. Jacob Beal,	2 00
" 5. Orra C. Pierce,	3 00
" 6. A. P. Jenney,	5 00
" 7. F. S. French,	3 00
" 8. Benjamin Cole,	4 00
" 9. Alfred Hadley,	2 00
" 10. B. E. Davis,	3 00
" 11. E. Burnap,	2 50
" 12. John Westgate,	6 00

Total,	\$ 51 50
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REPORT OF NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

Amount on Collector's book,	\$ 91 79
“ worked out,	82 11
“ reported on Collector's book,	6 34
“ collected in money and now in hands of Collectors, due the Town and not re- ported as assets,	3 34
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	\$ 91 79

STEPHEN STONE, *Collector.*

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM C. TRUE, }
FRED MOULTON, } *Auditors.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
PLAINFIELD, N. H.

The Committee respectively submits the following report of the condition of the schools, March 1st 1874.

DISTRICT No. 1. *Geo. C. Freeman*, Prudential Committee. *Summer Term*—Taught by *ELSIE J. KENNEDY*, of Bridgewater, Vt., who has taught this school before, giving, as usual, good satisfaction.

Fall Term—Taught by *HATTIE J. HILDRETH*, of Cornish, who had equally good success.

Winter Term—was commenced by *MATTIE M. CHELLIS*, of Newport, who was called away at the end of the third week, by the sickness of her mother.

Parents should be impressed with a hearty co-operation with the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 2. *Sumner T. Pierce*, Committee. *Summer Term*—Taught by *HATTIE A. HERSEY*, of Meriden, a thorough disciplinarian. *Winter Term*—by *EMMA L. CHAPMAN*, of Plainfield. A working teacher, the scholars all showed good improvement. I found some very good readers in this school. Would say here that the attendance of the scholars is very regular, there being but few Tardy or Dismissal marks. I think that this school has improved

during the last three years, as much as any in town. I attended, towards the close of the school, an Exhibition and Spelling School, where I listened to some good spelling and the exercises were a credit to the Teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 3. *John Daniels*, Committee. *Summer Term*—Taught by MRS. M. FRANCES BURNAP, of Plainfield, an experienced teacher, who gave good instruction. *Winter Term*—By EMMA J. HALL, of West Lebanon, this was her third term in this district. She knew her duty and gave herself to it with a good will. The scholars made good advancement in Arithmetic, On my last visit some were ciphering in the latter part of the book. Spelling received especial attention. The old time Spelling Schools were revived and seemed to create quite an interest in the neighborhood.

DISTRICT No. 4. *Benjamin F. Ward*, Committee. *Summer Term*—Taught by HATTIE L. WESTGATE, of Plainfield, with her accustomed ability. *Winter Term*—By AVIS E. SHERMAN, of Meriden, her second term in this district. The school did not appear as energetic as formerly. The scholars seemed uneasy, and I found some that did not have much to do in the afternoon.

DISTRICT No. 5. *Jarvis J. Jordan*, Committee. *Summer Term*—Was commenced by CARRIE WILLIAMS, of Cornish, but she was obliged to give up, on account of ill health. It was then taken in charge by EMMA L. CHAPMAN, of Plainfield. Under her experience and careful training, this school made good progress. *Winter Term*—By FRED L. PIERCE, of Bridgewater, Vt., who possessed good qualifications for teaching. He strove not so much to get over a good deal of ground, as to have his scholars understand thoroughly what they did learn. In this he was successful. He roused up the indifferent, and the whole school made wonderful progress in Arithmetic and Spelling. The teacher complained of irregular attendance. For this the parents are to blame. The right spirit in the teacher is the one essential thing. No teacher can keep a good school who is not actuated by a strong desire to benefit,

as far as possible, each individual pupil. If the world suffers from any great want, it is for men and women of convictions,—for men and women who do their own thinking and so add to the accumulating intellectual force of society.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Harvey Plummer*, Committee. Both terms were taught by ELIZA L. WHITAKER, of Meriden, who had, as usual, good success.

DISTRICT No. 7. *Russell French*, Committee. *Summer Term*—Taught by EMMA A. EATON, of East Plainfield. She labored hard for the benefit of this school and the scholars made good improvement.

Winter Term—By LINNA A. TALBOT, of East Plainfield, who tried to do her duty, but was a little too familiar with her pupils. The teaching was well, but there was a lack of discipline. The well disposed scholars made fair improvement. Is it not about time to give that old stove its time?

Teachers are largely dependent for their success upon the manner in which parents second their efforts. Who can tell how many an adult has been softened, improved and bettered at home by the school children's evening hour, certainly one of the pleasantest of home sights?

DISTRICT No. 8. *Sidney Sanborn*, Committee. *Summer Term*—Taught by MARY S. FAIRBANKS, of Cornish, who was found to be well qualified to teach and with a little more execution will make a first class teacher. Irregular attendance here also—which will injure any school.

Winter Term—JOHN S. ANDREWS, of Meriden. His first attempt at teaching. On my last visit I found that four scholars had left the school for reasons best known to themselves. The school appeared well, and those that were regular in attendance made good progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 9. *Nathan Barrows*, Committee. *Summer Term*

—Taught by MARY E. CHELLIS, of Meriden, who is always successful, this being her ninth term in this district. She needs no words of commendation to add to her reputation.

Names of pupils not absent nor tardy once during the term. May B. Chellis—Emma Stearns—Stella Patrick—Lettie Hall—Esora Cutts—Jennie Cutts—Frank Torrey—Porter Barrows—Allie Barrows. *Winter Term*—FRANK P. RUSSELL, of State Normal School, who conscientiously tried to do his duty. The teaching was good but there was a failure in discipline. I noticed communication among the scholars. Dispatches was used freely. The well disposed scholars made good progress. Geography was made a special study. I found the school-room rather dilapidated and dirty. Who would think of leaving 60 children in their room and being gone an hour every day. No good officer will leave the field without a good substitute.

Prudential Committies should require teachers to stay about the premises at noon.

Primary Department.—MARY L. SHERMAN, of Meriden. The scholars, as heretofore, made good progress under her care.

Something for those that know everything about the teacher's duty. It is held, by good authority, that the teacher has absolute control over the scholar after he leaves his parent's door in the morning until he returns again at night; and also some restraint even in the Parental Domicile, when he is there present. Has the right, and is expected to watch over their conduct in the highway or any where else, and see that they use proper language and are polite and courteous to every one when about the school house, or wherever they may may be.

DISTRICT No. 10. *Ethan Walker*, Committee. Taught by EVA S. LAMPSON, of Cornish Flat, an experienced teacher, with good success.

DISTRICT No. 11. *Wm. C. True*, Committee. Taught by Joseph R. Flint, of Dartmouth College.

The school, under his care, made some progress. On my last visit most of the older pupils were absent. Those persons were not disposed to study much. Was pained to hear a free use of profane language from one of the pupils during intermission.

It is hoped that the Prudential Committees will assume the duty as to Physical qualifications of a teacher applying to them for a school. I refer more particularly to good eyesight. Several of the teachers employed (otherwise well qualified) were found deficient in this respect. A teacher should hereafter be examined, and should be found to be astute, eagle-eyed &c., combined with all the other qualifications.

DISTRICT No. 12. *Elias S. Moore*, Committee. Taught by LINNA A. TALBOT, of East Plainfield. The school was taught and governed with success.

Winter Term.—M. MELLIE MILLER, of Meriden. Some exceptions were taken as to the management of this school, but on examination and inquiry I found that they were *not* well taken. Many of the scholars made decided advancement in Arithmetic. The classes in reading made great improvement—one class excepted, however—the fault being provided with books too hard for them. Parents should see that their children are provided with suitable books.

Some of our schools pass an entire term, without a single visitor entering the school-room, to break the monotony, that reigns within. Alas! The old saying is not strictly true; for it used to be said that—"Where the treasure is, there will the heart be also."

DISTRICT No. 13. *A. P. Howe*, Committee. Taught by LINNA A. TALBOT, of East Plainfield. This school was well taught and governed, satisfaction being given to all, I believe.

Winter Term.—MRS. FRANCES W. PURMORT, of West Enfield. A teacher who has had experience in Missouri. The school opened very promising. She was active and had commenced work in earnest. I did not receive notice of closing in season to visit it the second time. I have no doubt but that it was profitable to all the scholars.

OUR SCHOOLS.

How to educate our children, and receive the best results with the greatest economy of time and expense, is the great problem of our day, and demands the attention and the best thought of all our educators. From them come forth the strongest, fairest pillars for the upholding of the institutions and the honor of the Town, the State and the Nation.

DISTRICT No. 14. *O. T. Eaton*, Committee. Taught by LUCY M. CLOUGH, of Grantham, who has taught this school before, and always to the profit of the scholars. Absence, however, was a damage to some of the pupils.

Parents are not aware how much the progress of their children depends upon regularity and punctuality. Many think that their children can be dismissed when they have recited their lessons; or be absent a day or a half day in a week, without serious detriment! but it is a sad mistake. If the public knew how much of the teacher's time had to be taken and devoted to irregular scholars, who are out of school on every frivolous pretext, there would be a universal demand for legislation upon the subject. I can conceive of no better method to bring both parents and children to their senses than to organize a *Jumble Class*, putting in all irregular scholars, and all grades irrespective of size, books or scholarship. I have had the pleasure of seeing a few classes of this kind.

DISTRICT No. 15. *Stephen Hersey*, Committee. Taught by MARY L. CHELLIS, of Meriden, an experienced teacher.

DISTRICT No. 16. *Joseph Bean*, Committee. Taught by M. MELLIE MILLER, of Meriden. Her first attempt at teaching. This is the smallest school in town. there being only one regular scholar. The school improved, of course.

Fall Term.—By PAULINE S. MILLER, of Meriden, an accomplished teacher. Tardiness and absence, the old trouble, do much to injure the progress of this school.

Would advise Prudential Committees to require teachers to stay at the school house during recess, to protect public property, and look after the small children. I recommend, if the teacher objects to staying at the schoolroom, that they be discharged from duty, and other more faithful persons employed. I hear children say that they "don't like the teacher. she is so cross." Well, why don't they like the teacher? I surmise that they have to mind, and that is something that they are not accustomed to do at home, hence the dislike. Children do not go to school to be *pleased*, but to *learn*.

Let them get their lessons well, and obey the rules of school, and I will warrant that the teacher will be *pleasant* and *agreeable*.

I do not find a globe in any school in town to illustrate the elements of Geography, therefore some of the scholars labor to a great disadvantage, for it takes some 3 or 4 year before they get any idea of the shape of the earth.

There are various kinds of Text books used in town. What one Superintending Committee introduces as the best, is found by his successors not to be what is wanted. What must he do? To introduce new books often, don't seem to be practicable.

The Superintendents of Public Instruction will be at Claremont, Wednesday, March 18, 1874. It is hoped that all the Town Superintendents in this County and other persons interested in our Public Schools, will try to be present and make a choice of such books as are best suited to our wants thereby making them uniform throughout the County.

Respectfully Submitted

WILLIS K. DANIELS,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	Wages.	Length in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Av. attendance.	No. times tardy.*	No. times absent.	Visits of S. Com.	Visits of P. Com.	Visits of others.	No. of dismissals.	No. not attending school in District.
1	1	Elsie J. Kennedy . . .	\$ 14.00	10	7	5		56	1		4		
	2	Hattie J. Hildreth . . .		8	10	9		24	2		8	3	
	3	Mattie M. Chellis . . .	20.00	3	7	4	1						
2	1	Hattie A. Hersey . . .	16.00	12	10	16		20	2	2	10		7
	2	Emma L. Chapman . . .	20.00	12	9	14	10	7	2	3	21		1
3	1	M. Frances Burnap . . .	12.00	12	13	12	32	60	2		12	18	
	2	Emma J. Hall . . .	20.00	11	17	15	160	85	2	2	10	2	
4	1	Hattie L. Westgate* . . .							1				
	2	Avis E. Sherman* . . .		13					2				
5	1	Carrie A. Williams . . .	10.00	5	10	8	11	16	1		5	4	
	1	Emma L. Chapman . . .	14.00	6	10	8	11	7	1		4	4	1
	2	Fred L. Pierce . . .	20.00	12	32	18	32	552	2		2	20	
6	1	Eliza L. Whitaker . . .	9.00	12	11	9	11	56	1		6	3	1
	2	Eliza L. Whitaker . . .	17.00		8	7	12	35	1		6		5
7	1	Emma A. Eaton . . .	11.60	10	21	19	13	109	2		13		
	2	Linna A. Talbot . . .	20.00	11	34	26	42	200	2		13	17	
8	1	Mary S. Fairbanks . . .	9.00	12	15	11	1	230	2		9	1	1
	2	John S. Andrews . . .	22.50	12	12	8	30	70	2		5	9	5
9	1	Mary E. Chellis . . .	32.00	9	44	38	14	35	1	3	15	1	2
	2	Frank P. Russell . . .	45.00	13	29	24	78	125	2	1	25	35	9
	2	Mary L. Sherman* . . .	35.00	13					2				
10	1	Kate J. Colby* . . .	12.00	8					1				
	2	Eva S. Lamson . . .	10.00	10	5	4	23	25	2			5	
11	1	Joseph R. Flint . . .	20.00	16	10	8	96	170	2			12	1
12	1	Linna A. Talbot . . .	10.00	10	16	11	16	90	1		13	7	
	2	M. Mellie Miller . . .	20.00	12	21	16	31	135	3		7	30	
13	1	Linna A. Talbot . . .	18.00	6	8	7	7	28	2		10		2
	2	Mrs. F. W. Purmort . . .	26.00	12	11	9	5	90	1		6		2
14		Lucy M. Clough . . .	14.00	12	17	12	26	200	1		13	5	1
15		Mary L. Chellis . . .	20.00	12	16	15	42	85	1		13		
16	1	M. Mellie Miller . . .	7.00	8	4	3	67	29	1	1	1	5	
	2	Pauline S. Miller . . .	† 20.00	8	5	4	60	28	1		2	8	

W. K. DANIELS,

Superintendent of Schools in Plainfield.

* Register has not been received.

† Including board.

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